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In re Application of
ALTMAYER, Gerd *et al*
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PCT No.: PCT/EP97/04630
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Priority Date: None
Attorney's Docket No.: 39252
For: FILTER ELEMENT WITH PLASTIC FILTER
CASING

DECISION

This decision is in response to applicants' "Renewed Petition Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.182 to Change the Name of Inventor" filed 18 September 2000. The \$130.00 petition fee has previously been paid.

BACKGROUND

On 01 August 2000, a decision dismissing applicants' petition to change the name of an inventor was mailed because applicants failed to meet the requirements of section 605.04(c) of the Manual of Patent Examining Procedures (MPEP). Applicants were given two months to respond.

On 18 September 2000, applicants filed the instant renewed petition which was accompanied by a document titled "Declaration in Support of Petition to Change Name of Inventor" ("Lehmann Decl.") signed by the inventor requesting the name change.

DISCUSSION

As previously stated, section 605.04(c), *Inventor Changes Name*, of the MPEP lists the procedures required to change the name of an inventor and states, in part:

The petition must include an appropriate petition fee and an affidavit signed with both names and setting forth the procedure whereby the change of name was effected, or a certified copy of the court order.

Here, applicants have submitted a declaration signed by the inventor who states that "she changed her name from Ute Zenner to Ute Lehmann as a result of her marriage." Lehmann Decl. ¶ 1. This document meets the requirements of the MPEP.

Accordingly, the declaration submitted 28 December 1999 is now in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a).

CONCLUSION

For the reasons above, the renewed petition under 37 CFR 1.182 is **GRANTED**.

Applicants have completed the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. § 371(c). The application has an international filing date of 25 August 1997, under 35 U.S.C. 363, and a 35 U.S.C. 371(c) date of **28 December 1999**.

Please direct further correspondence with respect to this matter to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Box PCT, Washington, D.C. 20231, and address the contents of the letter to the attention of the PCT Legal Office.

This application is being forwarded to the National Stage Processing Division of the Office of PCT Operations for continued processing



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